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Main Idea

*Title of disclosure (in English): Novel way to write custom tag beans

*Idea of disclosure:
1. Describe your invention, stating the problem solved (if appropriate), and indicating the advantages of using the invention.

Our experience has shown that custom tag beans often result in a large amount Java code being generated into the resulting servlet. Since this code is largely common across servlets generated from the same tag bean (variable names might change, but little else), the code can be factored into a separate JavaBean, and the tag bean need only generate enough Java code for the servlet to call out to the separate bean. This dramatically reduces the code in the tag bean handler, and greatly simplifies debugging; thus it increases maintainability of the code. In addition, as a separate JavaBean, you would

be more inclined to add extra error handling code which would be too cumbersome to generate.

2. How does the invention solve the problem or achieve an advantage, (a description of "the invention", including figures inline as appropriate)?

3. If the same advantage or problem has been identified by others (inside/outside IBM), how have those others solved it and does your solution differ and why is it better?

4. If the invention is implemented in a product or prototype, include technical details, purpose, disclosure details to others and the date of that implementation.

***Critical Questions (Questions 1 - 7 must be answered)**

*Question 1 On what date was the invention workable? <input type="text"/> Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY (Workable means i.e. when you know that your design will solve the problem)	
*Question 2 Is there any planned or actual publication or disclosure of your invention to anyone outside IBM?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
If yes, Enter the name of each publication or patent and the date published below. Alphaworks - JSPx or XSP July 1999	
Are you aware of any publications, products or patents that relate to this invention?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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*Question 3 Has the subject matter of the invention or a product incorporating the invention been sold, used internally in manufacturing, announced for sale, or included in a proposal?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Is a sale, use in manufacturing, product announcement, or proposal planned?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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*Question 4 Was the subject matter of your invention or a product incorporating your invention used in public, e.g., outside IBM or in the presence of non-IBMers?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
If yes, give a date. Please format the date as MM/DD/YYYY	
*Question 5 Have you ever discussed your invention with others not employed at IBM?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

If yes, identify individuals and date discussed. Fill in the text area with the following information, the names of the individuals, the employer, date discussed, under CDA, and CDA #.

*Question 6 Was the invention, in any way, started or developed under a government contract or project?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Not sure
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